



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant)
Tadahiro Ohmi et al.) Art Group: 7595
Serial No.: 09/581,878)
Filing Date: June 19, 2000)
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR) Examiner: Luz L. Alejandro
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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 1, 2002, having a due date of July 1, 2002, which has been extended by 3 months by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of October 1, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending and rejected in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 11 and page 13, line 1, are amended hereby; and the abstract of the disclosure is replaced hereby. Applicants submit that none of the changes set forth herewith constitute new matter.

Responsive to the rejection of the abstract of the disclosure for exceeding 150 words, Applicants have replaced the previous abstract with a new abstract. Applicants submit that the new abstract is in allowable form.

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